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5. (AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim [1] 3, wherein said bus interface comprises a wireless link between said first device and said second device.

7. (TWICE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said second device is configured to control said electronic presentation program [in addition to] simultaneously with said first device.

8. (TWICE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said second device [is] comprises a computer.

13. (TWICE AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein said [second] first device further comprises an alert indicator.

20. (TWICE AMENDED) An apparatus comprising:

a device configured to (i) control an electronic presentation program and (ii) communicate through a bus, wherein said device is configured to operate [as] with a standard device driver provided in an operating system; and

a computer configured to (i) run said electronic presentation program and (ii) communicate through said bus, wherein

said device is configured to control said electronic presentation program and simultaneously allow said computer to control said
10 electronic presentation program.

21. (AMENDED) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said [apparatus] device comprises a handheld device.

23. (NEW) The apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said first device is configured to enumerate as a human interface device (HID).

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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

SUPPORT FOR CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the drawings as originally filed, for example, FIGS. 1-3 and in the specification as originally filed, for example, on page 11, line 19 through page 12, line 10. As such, no new matter has been added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1-5, 7-12, 15-17, 19 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Lin '933 in view of Sartore et al. '103 has been obviated and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 13-14 and 20 over Lin '933 in view of Meyn et al. '623 has been obviated and should be withdrawn.

Although Applicant's representative does not agree with the position taken in the Office Action that Lin teaches or suggests all the elements of the presently claimed invention except for a bus interface configured to provide power to the device (see page 2 last four lines of the Office Action), the position taken in the Office Action is moot in light of the following evidence. The earliest priority date to which Lin is entitled is the filing date, September 21, 1999. Attached to this response is a declaration

under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 providing evidence that the present invention was conceived and reduced to practice prior to September 21, 1999. Since the invention date of the present invention precedes the filing date of Lin, Lin is not available as prior art. As such, the combinations of Lin with Sartore and Lin with Meyn are not proper and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

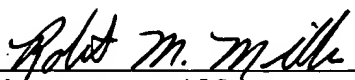
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge our office Account No. 50-0541.

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